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SUBJ: REMARKS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER ALLON AFTER MEETING AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
AUGUST 31, 1975

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: GOOD MONRING, GENTLEMEN.
I AM SORRY YOU DID NOT SLEEP THE WHOLE NIGHT. WE
WERE PREPARING FOR THE CABINET SESSION WHICH IS GOING
TO TAKE PLACE IN A VERY SHORT WHILE AND THEN WE SHALL
SEE WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE. ANYWAY, THE
DECISION, THE GROUND, IS READY FOR SUCH A DECISION.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: I AM NOT PERMITTED TO SAY
A FEW HOURS AHEAD OF TIME. THANK YOU.

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SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, AS YOU CAN GATHER, THERE

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WERE A FEW MINOR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS (LAUGHTER) THAT
REQUIRED ATTENTION. WE HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR, WELL,
A FEW HOURS ATTEMPTING TO IRON OUT THE REMAINING
TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND I THINK WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY
DONE SO. SO NOW THE ISRAELI CABINET IS GOING TO
MEET AND WE WILL KNOW LATER DURING THE DAY WHAT
THEIR VIEWS ARE.

Q: DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT ALSO?

SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK WE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THERE.

Q: SPECIAL PROGRESS? (LAUGHTER)

Q: CAN I GET BACK TO THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ALLON?
CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER IN FACT THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, SIR?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: THE NEGOTIATING TEAM IS
GOING TO REPORT TO THE CABINET, PRESENT THE DOCUMENTS
AND EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. I THINK WE MADE
VERY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
I AM GOING TO USE A WORD WHICH I HAVE AVOIDED
THROUGHOUT THE SHUTTLE: WE HAD A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
SESSION LAST NIGHT (LAUGHTER). SERIOUSLY, THIS IS A
DAY WHERE AN IMPORTANT DECISION MAY TAKE
PLACE.

Q: MR. ALLON, WILL YOU RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT
THAT THEY ACCEPT THIS DRAFT?
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: OUT OF LOYALTY TO MY
COLLEAGUES, I AM NOT GOING TO SAY WHAT I AM GOING TO
RECOMMEND. BUT IF WE BRING THE PAPERS AND THE REPORTS
BEFORE THE MINISTERS, OF COURSE, WE SHALL TELL THEM
WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IT.

Q: MR. ALLON, IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A PERSONAL
JUDGMENT, ALL OF YOU SEEM TO BE EXUDING NOTHING BUT GOOD WILL
THIS MORNING. YOU ARE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO RECOMMEND
THAT IT BE TURNED DOWN, ARE YOU?

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, LET US KEEP YOU WAITING
A LITTLE BIT AND FIND OUT LATER -- LATE AFTERNOON.

SEC. KISSINGER: THE KEEPERS ARE GOING TO COME
FOR US ANY MOMENT ANYWAY.

Q: WILL THE INITIALING FOR BOTH SIDES TAKE PLACE TODAY?

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SEC. KISSINGER: WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO DO
THAT. YES. DEPENDING ON HOW LONG THE DELIBERATIONS
ARE HERE.

Q: AND THE SIGNING DR. KISSINGER?

SEC. KISSINGER: THAT WILL BE A FEW DAYS
AFTERWARDS, AFTER THE KNESSET HAS MET.

Q: WHERE WILL THAT BE, SIR, THE SIGNING?

SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK IT WILL BE IN GENEVA.

Q: WILL IT BE SEPARATELY, OR WILL IT BE TOGETHER?

SEC. KISSINGER: TOGETHER.

Q: ARE YOU JUST TALKING A GIANT LEAP, NOW, DR.
KISSINGER? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT INITIALING?

SEC. KISSINGER: WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Q: I MEAN BECAUSE IT IS NOW SIX O'CLOCK IN THE
MORNING THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A GIANT LEAP? I
GET THE IMPRESSION YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT INITIALING?

SEC. KISSINGER: YOU ARE RIGHT.

Q: THEN IT WILL HAPPEN TODAY ON BOTH SIDES?

SEC. KISSINGER: NO. WE HAVE TO WAIT NOW FOR
THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE THE ISRAELI CABINET.

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: MY GUESS IS THAT THE
CABINET WILL SIT UNTIL THE LATE HOURS OF THE AFTERNOON.
THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL TO READY AND I AM SURE THAT
EACH ONE OF THE MINISTERS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
HIMSELF. --

Q: JUST IN TERMS OF THE TECHNICALITIES, NOW,
WHAT DOES THE CABINET HAVE TO DO?GO THROUGH EVERY
POINT?

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, IT DEPENDS ON THE
DESIRE OF THE MINISTERS TO GO INTO DETAILS MORE
OR LESS. SOME ARE MORE INTERESTED, SOME A LITTLE
LESS. BUT THEY WILL MEET AT 8:30. WE WILL GIVE
THEM A LITTLE TIME TO READ SOME OF THE PAPERS. HEN
BY TEN WE SHALL BEGIN OUR DELIBERATIONS. USUALLY, IT
WILL TAKE A GOOD SIX TO EIGHT HOURS. AND IF THE
CABINET DECIDES TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, THEN IT CAN
BE INITIALED TODAY, I MEAN IN THE LATE
AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING. AND WHEN THE
EGYPTIANS WILL DO THIS IS FOR THE SECRETARY TO SAY.
I HAVE NOT MET THEM YET.
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Q: DR. KISSINGER: DR. KISSINGER, WHILE THE
ISRAELI CABINET IS MEETING, WILL YOU REMAIN HERE OR
WILL YOU GO TO EGYPT?

SEC. KISSINGER: NO, I WILL BE HERE.

Q: WILL YOU GO TO BED? (LAUGHTER)

SEC. KISSINGER: I AM THINKING OF GOING TO BED NOW. (LAUGHTER)

Q: ARE YOU GETTING A QUICK ROUND OF TENNIS OR
SOMETHING TODAY? YOU ARE STILL BURNING WITH
ENTHUSIASM AND VIGOR.

SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, --
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: HE WAS WELL TREATED TONIGHT, YOU SEE.
(LAUGHTER)

SEC. KISSINGER: WE HAVE A LOT OF DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE.
WE HAVE TO MAKE A LOT OF CONTACS WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE.
SO I WILL BE HERE AND I WILL BE FAIRLY BUSY.

Q: YOU DO NOT REGARD YOUR TASK AS COMPLETE YET?

SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK THE NEGOTIATING TASK IF
SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

Q: WHAT IS REMAINING THEN?

SEC. KISSINGER: WHAT REMAINS? WELL, THERE IS
A LOT OF TECHNICAL WORK TO BE DONE -- CONTACTS WITH
VARIOUS PEOPLE AND GROUPS.

Q: ARE ALL DETAILS SETTLED -- HOW MANY
PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE THERE AND HOW MANY STATIONS....

SEC. KISSINGER: I WOULD THINK SO.

Q: ARE YOU REFERRING TO CONTACT WITH CONGRESS
AND THE SENATE?
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SEC. KISSINGER: IN WASHINGTON AND WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES.

Q: HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESDIENT YET?

SEC. KISSINGER: I WAS IN TOUCH WITH HIM BEFORE

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I BEGAN THIS MEETING, AND I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH
HIM NOW.

Q: ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE AGREEMENT THE
WAY IT STANDS?

SEC. KISSINGER: YES. I AM.
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